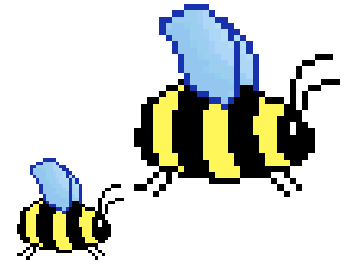
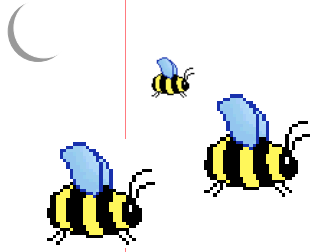


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Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

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Spelling

We started Unit 15 in our Spelling books last Monday. These are words that contain the long "i" vowel—such as leave and street. On Monday, we completed pgs 92-93 in our spelling books for extra practice. We also wrote our spelling words 5 times each, wrote them in cursive, and played SPARKLE BOOM!. On Thursday, Nov. 17, we will have spelling test #12 on Unit 15 words. We will test on Friday and begin the new Unit 16 spelling words on Friday too.

Spelling Words Unit 15

1. shook
2. flash
3. speech
4. think
5. strong
6. cloth
7. brook
8. stitch
9. string
10. scratch
11. fresh
12. spring
13. switch
14. stretch
15. splash
16. shade
17. panther
18. twitch
19. crouch
20. hunger



Reading

Through Grandpa's Eyes is a realistic fiction piece (which means it has realistic characters doing realistic things, but is not a story about a real person or event). In the story, John is a little boy whose grandfather is blind. Yet sounds, smells, tastes and the ability to touch enrich his life. Young John loves to be with his grandfather and at his house, for when he is there, his own world expands as he closes his eyes and experiences the events of the day as his grandfather does. This story emphasizes how using imagination helps one experience the joys and wonders of living, in spite of the loss of one's sight. The grandfather teaches his grandson to mix imagination with the information attained through the use of his senses to appreciate the world.

Announcements

- ✓ Reading Test on Friday
- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 15 Words on Thursday
- ✓ 1:30 Dismissal on Wednesday, November 16.
- ✓ Thanksgiving Break from November 23—25, No School. =)
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Weekly Specials Rotation for Nov. 14– 18, 2011

M (Library) Tu(Compu Lab) W(P.E.) Th(Art) F(Music)

In other buzz-worthy news:



Cursive Writing:

We will continue to add students to our "cool cursive club." This very special honor begins with a quick cursive writing quiz. We also started our "poetry journals." During this time, we copy cursive poems into our journals and

illustrate what we envision when reading these selected poems! What a huge honor! Best wishes, third graders!!!

Social Studies

We completed our first two chapters in Social Studies. We are moving on to Science!

Science

We continue to study animals

during science time. This week's topics include classification of animals, life cycles, ecosystems, and basic needs. We are learning so much!!

Math:

We will continue with Chapter 3. This week, we begin addition with regrouping (carrying the 1). This concept is difficult, so be sure to practice practice practice at home.

English/Writing:

We will begin reading response practice and narrative essay practice. Hopefully these activities will get our brains ready for the ISAT! :) In addition to our extended response writing, we will also create "Thankful Third Grader" narratives!

